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An Information Guide for all interested in America's Outdoors

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The USDA Forest Service is pleased to share with you this report on the many recreation/tourism aspects of the National Forest system. 'Discover Your National Forests' is neither a textbook nor a directory. It is, rather, a descriptive check list or idea book on the contributions the National Forests make or can make in the expanding outdoor recreation/tourism industry.

This brochure grew out of discussions with folks who did not realize that the National Forests are the largest providers of outdoor recreation in the world. Most National Forests are within a day's drive, so their role in the recreation and tourist industry is critical. Tourism is an important business in many parts of the country. In some areas, the tourist business has passed the traditional industries such as agriculture, mining, and timber to become an important source of private sector jobs. The travel and recreation industry is one of the largest, if not the largest, private employer in 7 States of the Intermountain West.

The USDA Forest Service is a neighbor willing to help. The best way to get started is to share with you some knowledge about the National Forests. This knowledge could lead to the increased growth of partnerships with States and communities desiring to expand their outdoor recreation and tourism economies.

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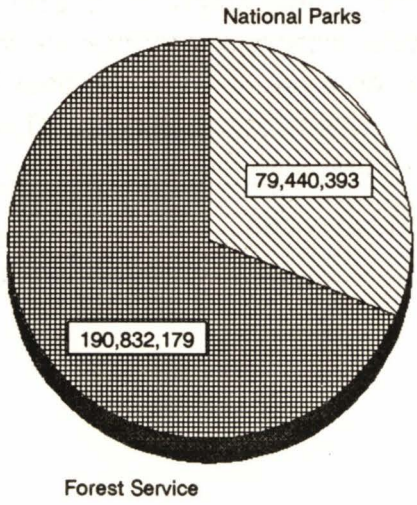
Introduction

For some reason the National Forests have never been looked upon as a recreation/tourism mecca in the same way the National Park System has. Yet more people visit the National Forests and the Forest Service has more wildernesses, wild and scenic rivers, trails and Ski Areas than the National Parks.

The National Forests serve Americans as their dynamic Forests. This system contains 191 million acres of forest and rangelands located in 45 States. By law, Congress has directed that these working lands be administered for range, outdoor recreation, watershed, fish and wildlife, and timber. In this capacity, the National Forests are a kaleidoscope of public owned resources and opportunities. Collectively, the National Forests are 10 percent larger than the State of Texas.

The National Forests are truly "America's Great Outdoors!" Thus this guide, Discover Your National Forests, is a start at kindling interest in the opportunities and attractions available on the 155 National Forests and Grasslands.



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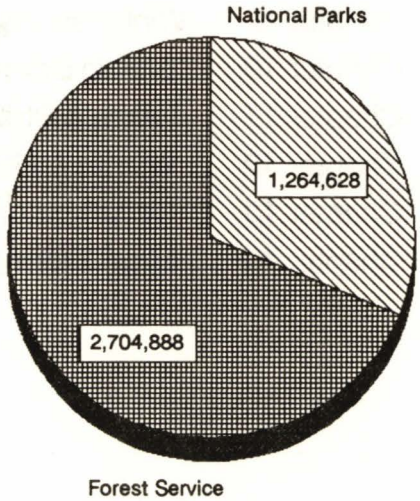

Visitor Use

Chapter 1: The 155 National Forests

Names like Bighorn, Daniel Boone, Sequoia, Allegheny all spark dreams of the great outdoors. You can hike the length of the Appalachians or go camping in the Ozarks, paddle your canoe into the sky blue water of the North Woods or climb to the clouds in Colorado. There's a wild white-water float trip waiting for you in the Pacific Northwest and white-powder snow in the Rockies. You can cruise along the timbered shore of Alaska's Inland Passage or backpack into the Sierras. Or you can tour at your leisure, lean back against a tree and watch the world go by.

That's what is so great about the National Forests. They provide us with so much pleasure and give us room to roam.

The Forest Service, in the US Department of Agriculture, manages the National Forest System. The Agency has approximately 29,000 employees responsible for a variety of resource management and conservation activities. The Agency's headquarters are in Washington, D.C. Each Region contains several National Forests which are further broken down into Ranger Districts. National Forest Supervisors and District Rangers provide the most direct management of the many field projects that occur on each Forest. The following is a list of all the National Forests within the National Forest System.

Table 1: Your Forests

	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
ALABAMA (647,000 acres)	William B. Bankhead NF Conecuh NF Talladega NF Tuskegee NF ----- Montogomery 3610	(205 832 4470)
ALASKA (23,000,000 acres)	Chugacah NF ----- Anchorage 99504 Tongass NF ------ Sitka 99835 (Also Ketchikan 99901 & Petersburg 99833).	(907 261 2500) (907 747 6671)
ARIZONA (11,220,000 acres)	ApacheSitgreaves Springerville 85938 Coconino NF ----- Flagstaff 86001 Coronado NF ----- Tucson 85701 Kaibab NF ------ Williams 86046 Prescott NF ----- Prescott 86301 Tonto NF -------- Phoenix 85038	(602 333 4301) (602 527 7400) (" 629 6483) (" 635 2681) (" 445 1762) (" 225 5200)
ARKANSAS (2,732,000 acres)	Ouachita NF ----- HotSprings 71902 OzarkStFrancis NF Russellville 72801	(501 321 5202) (" 968 2354)
CALIFORNIA(20,500,000 acres)	Angeles NF ------ Pasadena 91101 Cleveland NF ---- San Diego 92188 Eldorado NF ----- Placerville 956 Inyo NF --------- Bishop 93514 Klamath NF ------ Yreka 96097 Lake Tahoe BMV -- So. Lake Tahoe 95731 Lassen NF --------Susanville 9613 Los Padres NF---- Goleta 93117 Mendocino NF ---- Willows 95988 Modoc NF -------- Alturas 96101 Plumas NF ------- Quincy 95971 San Bernardino NF San Bernardino 92408 Sequoia NF ------ Porterville 93257 Shasta-Trinity NF Redding 96001 Sierra NF ------- Fresno 93721 Six Rivers NF --- Eureka 95501 Stanislaus NF --- Sonora 95370 Tahoe NF ---------Nevada City 9595	(818 574 1613) (619 293 5050) (916 622 5062) (619 873 5841) (916 842 6131) (916 573 2600) (916 257 2151) (805 968 1578) (916 934 3316) (916 233 5811) (916 283 2050) (714 383 5588) (209 784 1500) (916 246 5222) (209 487 5155) (707 442 1721) (209 532 3671) (916 265 4531)
COLORADO (13,900,000 acres)	Arapaho-Roosevelt Ft. Collins 80526 Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison NF ----------Delta 81416 Pike-San Isabel - Pueblo 81008 Rio Grande NF ----MonteVista 81144 Routt NF ---------Steamboat Springs 80487 San Juan NF ------Durango 81301 White River NF ---Glenwood Springs 81602	(303 224 1100) (303 874 7691) (303 545 8737) (303 852 5941) (303 879 1722) (303 247 4874) (303 945 2521)
FLORIDA (1,100,000 acres)	Apalachicola NF* Choctawhatchee NF* Ocala NF* Osceola NF* ----- Tallahassee 32301	(904 681 7265)
GEORGIA (860,000 acres)	Chattahoochee NF* Oconee NF* ------ Gainsville 30501	(404 536 0541)

* Managed as one unit

IDAHO (20,390,000 acres)	Clearwater NF ---	Orofino 83544	(208 476 4541)
	Idaho PanhandleNF	Coeur d'Alene 83814	(208 765 7223)
	Boise NF --------	Boise 83702	(208 334 1516)
	Caribou NF ------	Pocatello 83201	(208 236 6700)
	Challis NF ------	Challis 83226	(208 879 2285)
	Payette NF ------	McCall 83638	(208 634 8151)
	Salmon NF -------	Salmon 83467	(208 756 2215)
	Sawtooth NF -----	Twin Falls 83301	(208 737 3200)
	Targhee NF ------	St.Anthony 83445	(208 624 3151)
	Nez Perce -------	Grangeville 83530	(208 983 1950)
ILLINOIS (263,000 acres)	Shawnee NF ------	Harrisburg 62946	(618 253 7114)
INDIANA (188,000 acres)	Hoosier NF ------	Bedford 47421	(812 275 5987)
KENTUCKY (680,000 acres)	Daniel Boone NF -	Winchester 40391	(606 745 3100)
LOUISIANA (600,000 acres)	Kisatchie NF ----	Pineville 71360	(318 473 7160)
MICHIGAN (2,764,710 acres)	Hiawatha NF -----	Escanaba 49829	(906 786 4062)
	Huron-Manistee --	Cadillac 49601	(616 775 2421)
	Ottawa ----------	Ironwood 49938	(906 932 1330)
MINNESOTA (2,805,000 acres)	Chippewa NF -----	Cass Lake 56633	(218 335 2226)
	Superior NF -----	Duluth 55801	(218 720 5324)
MISSISSIPPI (1,147,000acres)	Bienville NF*, Delta NF*, De Soto NF*, Holly Springs NF*, Homochitto NF*		
	Tombigbee NF*----	Jackson 39269	(601 965 4391)
MISSOURI (1,450,000 acres)	Mark Twain NF ---	Rolla 65401	(314 364 4621)
MONTANA (16,800,000 acres)	Beaverhead NF ---	Dillon 59725	(406 683 3900)
	Bitterroot NF ---	Hamilton 59840	(406 363 3131)
	Custer NF -------	Billings 59103	(406 657 6361)
	Deerlodge NF ----	Butte 59703	(406 496 3400)
	Flathead NF -----	Kalispell 59901	(406 755 5401)
	Gallatin NF -----	Bozeman 59715	(406 587 6701)
	Helena NF -------	Helena 59626	(406 449 5201)
	Kootenai NF -----	Libby 59923	(406 293 6211)
	Lewis and Clark -	Great Falls 59403	(406 741 7700)
	Lolo NF ---------	Missoula 59801	(406 329 3750)
NEBRASKA (250,000 acres)	Samuel R.McKelvie	Chadron 69337	(308 432 3367)
NEVADA (5,150,000 acres)	Humboldt NF -----	Elko 89801	(702 738 5171)
	Toiyabe NF ------	Reno 89501	(702 784 5331)
NEW HAMPSHIRE (706,000 acres)	White Mountain NF	Laconia 03246	(603 524 6450)
NEW MEXICO (9,100,000 acres)	Carson NF -------	Taos 87571	(505 758 6200)
	Cibola NF -------	Albuquerque 87112	(505 275 5207)
	Gila NF ---------	Silver City 88061	(505 388 8201)
	Lincoln NF ------	Alamogordo 88310	(505 437 6030)
	Santa Fe --------	Santa Fe 87501	(505 988 6940)
NEW YORK (13,200)	Finger Lakes NF -	Montour Falls	(607 594 2750)
NORTH CAROLINA(1,218,000 ac)	Croatan NF*, Nantahala NF*, Pisgah NF*,		
	Uwharrie NF* ----	Asheville 28802	(704 257 4200)
OHIO (177,000 acres)	Wayne NF --------	Bedford,IN 47421	(812 275 5987)

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OREGON (15,500,000 acres)	Deschutes NF ----	Bend 97701	(503 388 2715)
	Fremont NF ------	Lakeview 97630	(503 947 2151)
	Malheur NF ------	John Day 97845	(503 575 1731)
	Mt. Hood NF -----	Gresham 97030	(503 666 0700)
	Ochoco NF -------	Prineville 97754	(503 447 6247)
	Rogue River NF --	Medford 97501	(503 776 3600)
	Siskiyou NF -----	Grants Pass 97526	(503 479 5301)
	Siuslaw NF ------	Corvallis 97339	(503 757 4480)
	Umatilla NF -----	Pendleton 97801	(503 276 3811)
	Umpqua NF -------	Roseburg 97470	(503 672 6601)
	WallowaWhitman NF	Baker 97814	(503 523 6391)
	Willamette NF ---	Eugene 97440	(503 687 6521)
	Winema NF -------	Klamath Falls 97601	(503 883 6714)
PENNSYLVANIA (510,000 acres)	Allegheny NF ----	Warren 16365	(814 723 5150)
SOUTH CAROLINA (610,000 ac)	Francis Marion NF*		
	Sumter NF* ------	Columbia 29202	(803 765 5222)
SOUTH DAKOTA (1,130,000 ac)	Black Hills NF --	Custer 57730	(605 673 2251)
	Custer NF -------	Billings, MT 59103	(406 657 6361)
TENNESSEE (625,000 acres)	Cherokee NF -----	Cleveland 37311	(615 476 9700)
TEXAS (673,000 acres)	Angelina NF*, Caddo-LBJ Grassland*,		
	Davy Crockett NF*, Sabine NF*		
	Sam Houston NF --	Lufkin 75901	(409 639 8501)
UTAH (7,990,000 acres)	Ashley NF -------	Vernal 87078	(801 789 1181)
	Dixie NF --------	Cedar City 84720	(801 586 2421)
	Fishlake NF -----	Richfield 84701	(801 896 4491)
	Manti-LaSal NF --	Price 84501	(801 637 2817)
	Uinta NF --------	Provo 84603	(801 337 5780)
	Wasatch-Cache ---	Salt Lake City 84138	(801 524 5030)
VERMONT (325,000 acres)	Green MountainNF-	Rutland 05701	(802 773 0300)
VIRGINIA (1,758.000 acres)	GeorgeWashington-	Harrisonburg 22801	(703 433 2491)
	Jefferson NF ----	Roanoke 24001	(703 982 6270)
WASHINGTON (9,055,000 acres)	Colville NF -----	Colville 99114	(509 684 3711)
	Gifford PinchotNF	Vancouver 98660	(206 696 7500)
	Mt.BakerSnoqualmie	Seattle 98104	(206 442 5400)
	Okanogan NF -----	Okanogan 98840	(509 422 2704)
	Olympic NF ------	Olympic 98507	(206 753 9534)
	Wenatchee NF ----	Wenatchee 98801	(509 662 4335)
WEST VIRGINIA (970,000 ac)	Monongahela NF --	Elkins 26241	(304 636 1800)
WISCONSIN (1,500,000 acres)	Chequamegon NF --	Park Falls 54552	(715 762 2461)
	Nicolet NF ------	Rhinelander 54501	(715 362 3415)
WYOMING (8,860,000 acres)	Bighorn NF ------	Sheridan 82801	(307 672 0751)
	Medicine Bow NF -	Laramie 82070	(307 745 8971)
	Shoshone NF -----	Cody 82414	(307 527 6241)
	Bridger-Teton NF	Jackson 83001	(307 733 2752)
PUERTO RICO (28,000 acres)	Caribbean NF ----	Rio Piedras 00928	(809 763 3939)

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Chapter 2 National Recreation Areas

National Recreation Areas are areas designated by Congress to promote and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities. The Forest Service administers 15 such areas in 16 states.

These unique areas offer a variety of outstanding natural attractions from the sand dunes at Oregon Dunes, to the highcountry of Mt Rogers, and to lakes such as the Shasta-Trinity in California.

Table 2 National Recreation Areas in the National Forests by State:

Mendenhall Glacier	Tongass NF	Alaska
Ward Lake	" " "	" "
Whiskeytown Shasta-Trinity NRA (Lakes)	Shasta Trinity NF	California
Arapaho NRA (Scenic highcountry lakes)	Arapaho NF	Colorado
Sawtooth NRA (Scenic Mtn. Valley)	Sawtooth NF	Idaho
Hells Canyon NRA (Scenic Lake/Canyon)	Wallowa Whitman NF	Idaho/Oregon
Rattlesnake NRA (Scenic Landscapes)	Lolo NF	Montana
Pine Ridge NRA (Scenic Landscapes)	Nebraska NF	Nebraska
Oregon Dunes NRA (Sand Dunes)	Sisuslaw NF	Oregon
Allegheny NRA (Lakes and Forest)	Allegheny NF	Pennsylvania
Flaming Gorge NRA (Scenic Lake/River)	Ashley NF	Utah/Wyoming
White Rocks NRA (Scenic highcountry)	Green Mtn. NF	Vermont
Mt. Rogers NRA (Scenic Highcountry)	Jefferson NF	Virginia
Mt. Baker NRA (Scenic Highcountry)	Mt. Baker NF	Washington
Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks (Scenic)	Monongahela NF	West Virginia

Chapter 3 Special Recreation Management Areas

In addition to the National Forest recreation opportunities and attractions listed in the previous chapters, the Forest Service also manages Scenic Areas, Monuments, Game Refuges, Archeological Areas, Botanical Areas, Historical Areas, and Geological Areas. All of these offer unique features of interest to National Forest visitors.

Table 3 List of special areas by state:

	NATIONAL SCENIC-RESEARCH AREA	
Cascade Head	9,670 acres	Oregon
	NATIONAL SCENIC AREAS	
Columbia River Gorge	253,500 acres	Oregon/Washington
Mono Basin	117,000 acres	California
N. Cascade Scenic Hwy	87,757 acres	Washington
	NATIONAL MONUMENTS	
Admirality Island	956,000 acres	Alaska
Misty Fiords	2,293,000 acres	Alaska
Mt. St. Helens Volcanic	80,000 acres	Washinton
	OTHER AREAS DESIGNATED BY CONGRESS AND NATIONAL AREAS	
Lake Tahoe Basin	205,250 acres	California/Nevada
Cabin Creek Mgt. Area	36,708 acres	Montana
Oregon Cascadce Rec. Area	156,900 acres	Oregon
Big Run Bog	630 acres	West Virginia
Blister Run Swamp	260 acres	West Virginia
Bose Lake		
Fisher spring Run Bog	550 acres	West Virginia
Keeley Creek	1,280 acres	Minnesota
Lac La Croix	973 acres	Minnesota
Moquah Natural Area	632 acres	Wisconsin
Pioneer Moters Forest	88 acres	Indiana
Shavers Mt. Spruce Hemlock	68 acres	West Virginia
Vesuvius Furnace	9 acres	Ohio

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATIVELY BY THE FOREST SERVICE

Archeological Areas

Blood Mountain	28 acres	Georgia
Chimney Rock (Indian ruins)	1,350 acres	Colorado
Zabel Canyon/Spring Cr.	3,360 acres	Colorado
Bowers Bluff	130 acres	Florida
Scull Shoals Indian Mound	66 acres	Georgia
Track Rock Gap	52 acres	Georgia
Decker Cave	82 acres	Missouiri
Owl Creek Mounds	30 acres	Mississippi
Sewee Shell Mounds	250 acres	South Carolina
Durango Rock Shelters		Colorado
Canero Creek Pictographs		Colorado
Porcupine Peak Site		Colorado
Hudson-Meng Bison Kill Site		Nebraska
Bighorn Medicine Wheel		Wyoming
Mummy Cave		Wyoming
Dead Indian Campsite		Wyoming

Botanical Area

Hobo Cedar Grove	240 acres	Idaho
Settlers Grove Cedars	184 acres	Idaho
Bodfish Piute Cypress	310 acres	California
Carpenteria	420 acres	California
Ancient Bristlecone Pine	27,000 acres	California
Cuesta Ridge	1,300 acres	California
Butterfly Valley	500 acres	California
Big Craggies	3,800 acres	Oregon
Quaking Aspen Swamp	240 acres	Oregon
Cupola Pond	160 acre	Missouri
Cranberry Glades	750 acres	West Virginia
Loda Lake	72 acres	Michigan
Tumwater	1,104 acres	Washington
Bullet Creek	150 acres	Tennessee
Moffett Creek	150 acres	Tennessee
Clifty Canyon	5,100 acres	Arkansas
Dismal Hollow	2.000 acres	Arkansas
Sugarloaf Mountain	20 acres	Arkansas
Waldo Mt-Wainescott Bottoms	400 acres	Arkansas
Station Creek Cove	200 acres	South Carolina

Historical Areas

Pikes Peak		Colorado
Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge RR		Colorado
Cumbres and Toltiec Scenic Railroad		CO & NM
Ashcroft townsite		Colorado
Denver/NW Railroad		Colorado
Vicksburg Mining District		Colorado
Winfield Mining Camp		Colorado
LittleJohn Mine		Colorado
Georgetown/Silver Plume		Colorado
Beaver Creek Massacre Site		Colorado
Alpine Tunnel		Colorado
North Fork Historic District		Colorado
Independence Townsite		Colorado
Silverton Historic District		Colorado
Telluride Historic District		Colorado
Cripple Creek Historic District		Colorado
Barlow Toll Gate	1 acre	Oregon
Old Wagon Road	65 acres	Oregon
Cloud Cap-Tilley Jane	16 acres	Oregon
Cathead Pond	1 acres	Florida
Davenport Landing	2 acres	Florida
Sacajawea	84 acres	Montana
Sacull Shoals	34 acres	Georgia
The Lumberman's Monument	7 acres	Michigan
Battery	30 acres	South Carolina

Watahan	381 acres	South Carolina
Harney Peak Lookout		South Dakota
Spokane Mine		South Dakota
Mystic Townsite		South Dakota
Libby Lodge (resort)		Wyoming
Divide Sheep Camp		Wyoming
Jack Creek Guard Station		Wyoming
Inyan Kara Mountain		Wyoming
Brooks Lake Lodge		Wyoming
Union Pass		Wyoming
Pahaska Tepee		Wyoming
Wapiti Ranger Station		Wyoming

Geological Areas

Madison River Earthquake	7,800 acres	Montana
Gros Ventre Slide	1,450 acres	Wyoming
Sheep Creek Canyon	3,608 acres	Utah
King Caverns	388 acres	California
Arrowhead Landmark	40 acres	California
Packsaddle Cavern	160 acres	California
Medicine Lake Glass Flow	570 acres	California
Burnt Lava Flow	8,760 acres	California
Glass Mountain Glass Flow	4,200 acres	California
Courtright Intrusive Contact	11 acres	California
Lava Butte	9,143 acres	Oregon
Lava Cast	5,630 acres	Oregon
Lavacicle Cave	40 acres	Oregon
Lowder Mountain	43,340 acres	Oregon
Rebel Rock	47,900 acres	Oregon
Leon Sink	55 acres	Florida
Little Crater Lake	5 acres	Oregon
Red River Gorge	25,700 acres	Kentucky
Hubbard Glacier	46,000 acres	Alaska
New Eddy Stone Rock	1 acre	Alaska
Alum Cove Natural Bridge	200 acres	Arkansas
Buzzard Roost Rocks	50 acres	Arkansas
Pedestal Rocks	500 acres	Arkansas
Sam's Throne	600 acres	Arkansas

Scenic Areas

Bee Branch		
Blowout Mountain	320 acres	
Ellicott Rock		
Sosebee Cove		
Lake Winona		
Grove of Aspen Giants	10	Utah
Yellowpine		
Mallard-Larkin Pioneer	16,448 acres	Idaho
SHells Canyon-Seven Devels	30,500 acres	Idaho
Upper Priest Lake	4,600 acres	Idaho
Jewel Basin	15,000 acres	Montana
Northwest Peaks	6,500 acres	Montana
Ross Creek	100 acres	Montana
Ten Lakes	6,200 acres	Montana
Windy Ridge-Bristlecone Pine	150 acres	Colorado
Ruby Mountain	46,660 acres	Nevada
Black Mountain	71,100 acres	California
Calaveras Big Trees	380 acres	California
Feather Falls	13,430 acres	California
Snow Mountain Back Country	5,700 acres	California
Cape Perpetua	988 acres	Oregon
Craggy Mountain	6,380 acres	Oregon
Lamb Butte	47,600 acres	Oregon
Olallie Lake	11,378 acres	Oregon
Yankee Mountain	490 acres	Oregon
Roosevelt Grove of Cedars	423 acres	Washington
Smark Rock	4,960 acres	Washington

Dutch Creek Mountain	370 acres	Arkansas
Crystal Mountain	85 acres	Arkansas
Blue Hole	2,200 acres	Arkansas
City Rock Bluff	300 acres	Arkansas
Devil's Canyon	1,400 acres	Arkansas
Dismal Creek	200 acres	Arkansas
Hare Mt.	100 acres	Arkansas
Magazine Mt.	5,600 acres	Arkansas
North Twin	2,400 acres	Arkansas
Penhook	400 acres	Arkansas
Sandstone Hollow	500 acres	Arkansas
Stack Rock	400 acres	Arkansas
White Rock	700 acres	Arkansas
Alexander Springs Creek	6,600 acres	Florida
Juniper Springs Creek	1,130 acres	Florida
Kimaball Island	1,000 acres	Florida
Lake Charles	880 acres	Florida
Morrison Hammock	240 acres	Florida
Rocky Bluff	222 acres	Florida
Anna Ruby Falls	1,600 acres	Georgia
Coleman River	330 acres	Georgia
Cooper Creek	1,240 acres	Georgia
Desoto Falls	650 acres	Georgia
High Shoals Creek Falls	170 acres	Georgia
Keown Falls	216 acres	Georgia
Sosebee Cove	175 acres	Georgia
Natural Arch	945 acres	Kentucky
Yahoo Falls	258 acres	Kentucky
Castor Creek	90 acres	Louisanna
Longleaf	28 acres	Louisiana
Bienville Pines	192 acres	Mississippi
Glen Falls	120 acres	North Carolina
John's Rock	435 acres	North Carolina
Looking Glass Rock	1,610 acres	North Carolina
Whitewater River Falls	160 acres	North Carolina
Broad River	210 acres	South Carolina
Guilliard Lake	1,950 acres	South Carolina
Long Cane	650 acres	South Carolina
Broad River	435 acres	South Carolina
Chauga River	3,300 acres	South Carolina
Guilliard Lake	925 acres	South Carolina
Long Cane	695 acres	South Carolina
White Rock	3,416 acres	South Carolina
Rock Creek Gorge	220 acres	Tennessee
Buffalo Mountain	644 acres	Tennessee
Bald Mt. Ridge	8,653 acres	Tennessee
Coker Creek	375 acres	Tennessee
Doe River Gorge	1,783 acres	Tennessee
Gentry Creek	1,297 acres	Tennessee
Big Creek	1,421 acres	Texas
Mount Rogers	1,258 acres	Viringia
Mountain Lake	1,543 acres	Viringia
La Rue Pine Hills	2,634 acres	Illinois
Round Island	378 acres	Michigan
Gibbs Brook	900 acres	New Hampshire
Greeley Ponds	810 acres	New Hampshire
Lafayette Brook	990 acres	New Hampshire
Lincoln Woods	2,300 acres	New Hampshire
Nancy Brook	458 acres	New Hampshire
Pinkham Notch	5,600 acres	New Hampshire
Rocky Gorge	68 acres	New Hampshire
Sawyer Pond	1,128 acres	New Hampshire
Snyder Brook	44 acres	New Hampshire
Mount Chocorva	5,750 acres	New Hampshire
Hearts Content	122 acres	Pennsylvania
Tionesta	2,018 acres	Pennsylvania
Falls of Hills Creek	114 acres	West Virginia
Gaudineer	140 acres	West Virginia
Dolly Sods	2,470 acres	West Virginia
Walker Cove-Rudyard Bay	93,540 acres	Alaska
Tracy Arm-Fiords Terror	283,000 acres	Alaska

	Zoological Areas	
North River Bog	3 acres	Tennessee
	Memorial Areas	
Joyce Kilmer	3,740 acres	North Carolina
	Natural Areas	
Big Ocean Bay	279 acres	South Carolina

Chapter 4 Wilderness

The Forest Service manages 32.4 million acres of the Nation's Wilderness resource in 338 Wildernesses. Wilderness provides you with the opportunity to experience solitude and naturalness, and to use your outdoor skills. Many Wildernesses also provide ecological and geological features of scientific, educational, or historic importance.

Stewardship of these unique lands is managed by the Forest Service which is dedicated to keeping them intact for present and future generations.

In Wilderness humans are visitors and leave "no trace" of their visit so that others may enjoy the natural conditions.

Table 8 National Forest Wilderness Acres by State:

Alabama	2	NF Wildernesses totaling	19,500 acres
Alaska	14	NF Wildernesses totaling	5,453,500 acres
Arizona	21	NF Wildernesses totaling	1,327,500 acres
Arkansas	10	NF Wildernesses totaling	116,100 acres
California	46	NF Wildernesses totaling	3,848,200 acres
Colorado	25	NF Wildernesses totaling	2,586,800 acres
Florida	7	NF Wildernesses totaling	72,600 acres
Georgia	8	NF Wildernesses totaling	89,200 acres
Idaho	5	NF Wildernesses totaling	3,960,000 acres
Indiana	1	NF Wildernesses totaling	12,900 acres
Kentucky	2	NF Wildernesses totaling	18,100 acres
Louisiana	1	NF Wildernesses totaling	8,700 acres
Minnesota	1	NF Wildernesses totaling	798,000 acres

Mississippi	2	NF Wildernesses totaling	5,500 acres
Missouri	7	NF Wildernesses totaling	63,200 acres
Montana	12	NF Wildernesses totaling	3,371,600 acres
Nebraska	1	NF Wildernesses totaling	8,100 acres
Nevada	1	NF Wildernesses totaling	64,700 acres
New Hampshire	4	NF Wildernesses totaling	102,900 acres
New Mexico	16	NF Wildernesses totaling	1,389,000 acres
North Carolina	11	NF Wildernesses totaling	100,900 acres
Oregon	35	NF Wildernesses totaling	2,078,100 acres
Pennsylvania	2	NF Wildernesses totaling	10,000 acres
South Carolina	5	NF Wildernesses totaling	16,500 acres
South Dakota	1	NF Wildernesses totaling	9,800 acres
Tennessee	11	NF Wildernesses totaling	6,700 acres
Texas	5	NF Wildernesses totaling	36,200 acres
Utah	13	NF Wildernesses totaling	779,600 acres
Vermont	6	NF Wildernesses totaling	59,300 acres
Virginia	11	NF Wildernesses totaling	64,700 acres
Washington	24	NF Wildernesses totaling	2,569,500 acres
West Virginia	5	NF Wildernesses totaling	78,100 acres
Wisconsin	5	NF Wildernesses totaling	44,100 acres
Wyoming	15	NF Wildernesses totaling	3,081,200 acres

Chapter 5 Campgrounds and picnic areas

The National Forests provide a spectrum of settings in which to camp, from primitive unimproved wilderness settings for the backpack camper, to roaded natural campgrounds with just the basic facilities, or more fully developed campgrounds for those that prefer a few more creature comforts.

Over 400,000 persons can be accomodated at one time in the developed campgrounds and many more can camp at undeveloped dispersed sites throughout the Forests.

Campgrounds in the National Forests are very carefully developed, and no two are alike. Each is designed to blend into the surrounding landscape in order to preserve the forest atmosphere. Trees and shrubs are used to screen and divide individual sites and to help provide a feeling of privacy.

Table 5 National Forests Campgrounds by Regions

Sites	Family Campgrounds	Group Campgrounds	Picnic
Northern Region	338	4	94
Rocky Mountain Region	511	21	176
Southwestern Region	250	20	116
Intermountain Region	578	35	126
Pacific Southwest Region	771	108	197
Pacific Northwest Region	821	30	176
Southern Region	376	33	279
Eastern Region	446	33	249
Alaska Region	31		24
	4,122	284	1,437

Chapter 6 Hiking and trail riding opportunities

Hiking and horseback riding opportunities on the miles and miles of National Forest trails and roadways are truly vast. Whether it is an afternoon walk or going from Mexico to Canada on the Pacific Crest or Continental Divide Trails, you can find the experience you desire on a National Forest trail.

As our society becomes more and more complex and urbanized, the mere thought of miles and miles of room to roam is therapeutic. The National Forests have close to 100,000 miles of hiking and riding trails for public enjoyment through some of the most scenic areas in our country.

Table 6 Miles of National Forest trail opportunity by States:

Alabama	230
Alaska	700
Arizona	3,546
Arkansas	515
California	11,030
Colorado	8,228
Florida	267
Georgia	523
Idaho	16,316
Illinois	205
Indiana	142
Kentucky	540
Louisiana	114
Maine	108
Michigan	2,076
Minnesota	2,624
Mississippi	392
Missouri	603
Montana	12,818
Nebraska	39
Nevada	1,523
New Hampshire	1,275
New Mexico	3,098
New York	25
North Carolina	1,457
Ohio	122

Oklahoma	82
Oregon	7,253
Pennsylvania	355
Puerto Rico	31
South Carolina	516
South Dakota	138
Tennessee	576
Texas	183
Utah	5,009
Vermont	588
Virginia	1,865
Washington	6,998
West Virginia	837
Wisconsin	1,335
Wyoming	5,419

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Pacific Crest Trail	1,860 NF miles
Continental Devide Trail	2,000 NF miles
Florida Trail	115 NF Miles
North Country Trail	479 NF Miles
Appalachian Trail	927 NF Miles
Ice Age Trail	40 NF Miles

NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS

Nez Perce Trail	234 NF Miles

National Forests also contain 374 National Recreation Trails (1,300 miles)

Chapter 7 National Forest Visitor Centers

The new National Forest Visitor Centers at Portage Glacier on the Chugach NF in Alaska and at Mount St.Helens on the Gifford Pinchot NF in the state of Washington brings the number of Visitor Centers to 44. These Centers are managed to provide a broad range of interpretive programs, informational services, and media displays. Visitor Centers help spread the word of the recreational opportunities available on the National Forests and explain some of the different management activities that a visitor might find as they travel though the forest.

Table 7 Visitor Centers by state and National Forest

Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center	Tongass NF	Alaska
Centennial Hass	Tongass NF	" "
Marine Highways	Tongass NF	" "
Begich, Boggs Visitor Center	Chugach NF	" "
Chugach Marine Highway	Chugach NF	" "
Sabino Canyon Visitor Center	Coronado NF	Arizona
Blanchard Springs Caverns Visitor C.	Ozark NF	Arkansas
Kerr Arboretum Visitor Center	Ouachita NF	" "
Interagency Visitor Center	Inyo NF	California
Lake Tahoe Visitor Center	Lake Tahoe BasinNF	" "
Mammoth Visitor Center	Inyo NF	" "
Chilao Visitor Center	Angeles NF	" "
Shasta Lake Visitor Center	Shasta-Trinity NF	" "
Big Bend Visitor Center	Tahoe NF	" "
Brasstown Bald Visitor Center	Chattahoochee NF	Georgia
Redfish Lake Visitor Center	Sawtooth NF	Idaho
Sawtooth Visitor Center	Sawtooth NF	"
Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center	Huron-Manistee NF	Michigan
Sylvania Visitor Center	Ottawa NF	" "
Voyageur Visitor Center	Superior NF	Minnesota
Cut Foot Visitor Center	Chippewa NF	" "
Lolo Pass Visitor Center	Clearwater NF	" "
Madison River Earthquake Area VC	Gallatin NF	" "
Missoula Visitor Center	Lolo NF	" "

Gila Cliff Dwellings Visitor Center	Gila NF	New Mexico
Ghost Ranch Muesum Visitor Center	Carson NF	" "
Cradle of Forestry Visitor Center	Pisgah NF	North Carolina
Cape Perpetua Visitor Center	Siuslaw NF	Oregon
Oregon Dunes Visitor Center	Siuslaw NF	" "
Lava Lands Visitor Center	Deschutes NF	" "
Timberline Lodge Visitor Center	Mt. Hood NF	" "
Kinzua Point Visitor Center	Allegheny NF	Pennsylvania
Grey Towers Visitor Center	Pinchot Instituet	" "
Sierra Palma Visitor Center	Caribbean NF	Puerto Rico
Pactola Visitor Center	Black Hills NF	South Dakota
Flaming Gorge Visitor Center	Ashley NF	Utah
Red Canyon Visitor Center	Ashley NF	"
Strawberry Visitor Center	Uinta NF	"
Massanutten Visitor Center	George Washington	Virginia
Mount St. Helens Visitor Center	Gifford Pinchot NF	Washington
Early Winters Visitor Center	Okanogan NF	" "
Cranberry Visitor Center	Monogahela NF	West Virginia
Seneca Rocks Visitor Center	Monogahela NF	" "
Jackson Hole Visitor Center	Bridger Teton NF	Wyoming

Chapter 8 Wild and Scenic Rivers

The Wild and Scenic Rivers possess outstanding scenic, recreation, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values. Many are popular white water floating rivers.

The Forest Service administers 20 such rivers for a total of 1,000 miles

Table 8 Wild and scenic rivers administered by the Forest Service:

RIVER	FOREST	STATE
Au Sable River	Huron-Manistee NF	Michigan
Chattooga River	Chattahoochee NF	Georgia/N&S Carolina
Cach LaPouder River	Roosevelt NF	Colorado
Eel River	Six Rivers NF	California
Eleven Point River	Mark Twain NF	Missouri
Flathead River	Flathead NF	Montana
Illinois River	Siskiyou NF	Oregon
Klamath River	Klamath NF	California
Middle Fk Clearwater R.	Bitterroot NF	Idaho
Middle Fk Salmon River	Challis NF	Idaho
Middle Fk Feather River	Plumas NF	California
Namekegon-St Croix R.	Chequamegon NF	Wisconsin
North Fk American River	Tahoe NF	California
Pere Marquette River	Huron-Manistee NF	Michigan
Rapid River	Nez Perce & Payette NF	Idaho
Rio Grande River	Carson NF	New Mexico
Rogue River	Siskiyou NF	Oregon
Skagit River	Mt. Baker NF	Washington
Salmon River	Salmon/Bitteroot NF	Idaho
Smith River	Six Rivers NF	California
Snake River	Nezperce & Payette NF	Idaho
St. Joe River	St. Joe NF	Idaho & Oregon
Trinity River	Shasta-Trinity NF	California
Tuolumne River	Stanislaus NF	California
Verde River	Coconino & Prescott NF	Arizona
Horsepasture River	Nantahala NF	North Carolina
Saline Bayou River	Kisatchie NF	Lousianna
Black Creek	DeSoto NF	Mississippi

Chapter 9 Winter Sports on the National Forests

Areas like Alta, Vail, Sun Valley, Mammoth, Aspen, Snowbird, Breckenridge, Steamboat Springs' and many more are all or partially located on National Forest System lands. In partnership with private industry, the Forest Service has developed some of the finest winter sports complexes in the world. Over 15 million winter sports visitor days occur annually on the National Forests. The 156 National Forest Ski Areas have a combined capacity at one time of 482,000 skiers.

Most National Forests also provide excellent cross country skiing and snowmobiling.

In Colorado alone the winter sports industry is almost entirely on National Forest and is a multi-million dollar business.

Table 9 National Forest Winter Sports Areas by State:

Alaska	Alyeska Ski Area	Chugach NF
Arizona	Fairfield Snow Bowl	Coconino NF
	Mount Lemmon	Coconino NF
	Williams Ski Area	Kaibab NF
California	Mt Baldy	Angeles NF
	Ski Sunrise	Angeles NF
	Mt. High East	Angeles NF
	Mt. High West	Angeles NF
	Kratka Ridge	Angeles NF
	Mt. Waterman	Angeles NF
	Ski Echo Tahoe	Eldorado NF
	Sierra Ski Ranch	Eldorado NF
	Iron Mountain	Eldorado NF
	Kirkwood Meadows	Eldorado NF
	June Mountain	Inyo NF
	Mammoth Mtn.	Inyo NF
	Stover Mountain	Lassen NF
	Coppervale	Lassen NF
	Cedar Pass	Modoc NF

	Green Valley Snowbowl	San Bernardino NF
	Snow Valley	San Bernardino NF
	Gold Mine	San Bernardino NF
	Snow Summit	San Bernardino NF
	Snow Forest	San Bernardino NF
	Shirley Meadow	Sequoia NF
	Sierra Summit	Sierra NF
	Dodge Ridge	Stanislaus NF
	Mt. Reba	Stanislaus NF
	Boreal Ridge	Tahoe NF
	Sugar Bowl	Tahoe NF
	Alpine Meadows	Tahoe NF
	Squaw Valley	Tahoe NF
	Donner Ski Ranch	Tahoe NF
	Heavenly Valley	Tahoe Basin Mgt. Area
Colorado	Powderhorn	Gunnison/Uncompahgre/GM
	Crestec Butte	Gunnison/Uncompahgre/GM
	Telluride	Gunnison/Uncompahgre/GM
	Wolf Creek	Rio Grande NF
	Loveland Basin	Arapaho/Roosevelt NF
	Winter Park	Arapaho/Roosevelt NF
	Berthold Pass	Arapaho/Roosevelt NF
	Lake Eldora	Arapaho/Roosevelt NF
	Steamboat	Routt NF
	Ski Cooper	Pike-San Isabel NF
	Monarch	Pike-San Isabel NF
	Conquistador	Pike-San Isabel NF
	Cuchara Valley	Pike-San Isabel NF
	Purgatory	San Juan NF
	Arapahoe Basin	White River NF
	Breckenridge	White River NF
	Aspen Mountain	White River NF
	Aspen Highlands	White River NF
	Buttermilk Mtn.	White River NF
	Snowmass	White River NF
	Sunlight	White River NF
	Vail	White River NF
	Copper Mountain	White River NF
	Keystone	White River NF
	Beaver Creek	White River NF
Idaho	Lookout Pass	Idaho Panhandle NF
	North South Ski Bowl	Idaho Panhandle NF
	Bogus Basin	Boise NF
	Peeble Creek	Caribou NF
	Brundage Mtn.	Payette NF
	Payette Lakes	Payette NF
	Hitt Mountain	Payette NF
	Sun Valley	Sawtooth NF
	Soldier Mountain	Sawtooth NF
	Magic Mountain Ski	Sawtooth NF
	Pomerelle Ski Area	Sawtooth NF
	Kelly Canyon	Targhee NF
Maine	Evergreen Valley Ski Area	White Mt. NF
Michigan	Indianhead Mtn. Ski Area	Hiawatha NF
	Caberfae	Huron Manistee NF
	Hiawatha Slopes	Hiawatha NF
Minnesota	Lutsen Ski Area	Superior NF
	Giants Ridge Alfin	Superior NF
Montana	Big Mountain Ski Area	Flathead NF
	Big Sky Ski Area	Gallatin NF
	Maverick Mountain	Beaverhead NF
	Lost Trail Pass	Bitterroot NF
	Red Lodge Moutain	Custer NF
	Wraith Hill	Deerlodge NF
	Discovery Basin	Deerlodge NF

	Bridger Bowl	Gallatin NF
	Turner Mountain	Kootenai NF
	Snowdown	Lewis & Clark NF
	Teton Pass	Lewis & Clark NF
	Montana Snow Bowl	Lolo NF
	Marshall	Lolo NF
Nevada	Heavenly Valley	Lake Tahoe Basin NF
	Slide Mountain	Toiyabe NF
	Lee Canyon	Toiyabe NF
New Hampshire	Waterville Valley	White Mt. NF
	Mittersill	White Mt. NF
	Wildcat	White Mt. NF
	Loon Mountain	White Mt. NF
	Mount Attitash	White Mt. NF
New Mexico	Taos Ski Valley	Carson NF
	Sipapu	Carson NF
	Rec River	Carson NF
	Sandia Peak	Cibola NF
	Ski Apache	Lincoln NF
	Ski Cloudroft	Lincoln NF
	Santa Fe Ski Basin	Santa Fe NF
Oregon	Mt. Bachelor Ski Area	Deschutes NF
	Upper & Lower Creek	Deschutes NF
	Corbett Snow Park	Deschutes NF
	Warner Canyon	Fremont NF
	Cooper Spur	Mt Hood NF
	Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Area	Mt Hood NF
	Mirror Mountain	Mt Hood NF
	Summit	Mt Hood NF
	Snow Bunny	Mt Hood NF
	Timberline	Mt Hood NF
	Mirror Mountain	Mt Hood NF
	Mt. Ashland Ski Area	Rogue River NF
	Spout Springs	Umatilla NF
	Anthony Lakes	Wallowa Whitman Nf
	Hoodoo Ski Bowl	Willamette NF
	Willamette Pass	Willamette NF
South Dakota	Terry Peak	Black Hills NF
Utah	Snowbird	Wasatch-Cache NF
	Snow Basin	Wasatch-Cache NF
	Beaver Mountain	Wasatch-Cache NF
	Alta	Wasatch-Cache NF
	Brighton	Wasatch-Cache NF
	Solitude	Wasatch-Cache NF
	Brianhead	Dixie NF
Vermont	Mt. Snow	Green Mt. NF
	Sugarbush Ski Area	Green Mt. NF
	Big Bromley	Green Mt. NF
	Haystack	Green Mt. NF
Washington	Mt Baker	Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF
	Snoqualmie Summit	Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF
	Alpental	Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF
	Stevens Pass	Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF
	Crystal Mountain	Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF
	Ski Acres Ski Area	Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF
	Pacific West	Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF
	Loup Loup Ski Bowl	Okanogan NF
	Skyline Basin	Umatilla NF
	White Pass	Wenatchee NF
	Echo Valley Ski Area	Wenatchee NF
	Chiwawa	Wenatchee NF
	49 Degrees North	Colville NF

Wisconsin	Mt Valpalla Ski Area	Chequamegon NF
Wyoming	Antelope Butte	Bighorn NF
	Meadowlark	Bighorn NF
	Snowy Range	Medicine Bow NF
	Sleeping Giant	Shoshone NF
	Red Lodge Racing Cup	Shoshone NF
	White Fine	Brider-Teton NF
	Jackson Hole	Brider-Teton NF
	Snow King	Brider-Teton NF
	Grand Targhee	Targhee NF

Chapter 10 Scenic drives

Driving for pleasure is one of the most popular outdoor recreation activities that takes place on the National Forests. Many of these routes are designated state scenic highways.

Something about getting away from the city and into the mountain air clears the mind and restores the soul. The green mantle and variety of landscapes provides an outstanding roaded natural setting for those who make driving for pleasure their outdoor activity.

Table 10 A few sample National Forest Scenic Drives.

The Pacific Northwest is blessed with many such scenic drives:

Highway 20 through the Mt. Baker and Okanogan National Forest is such a drive. Also Highway 2 over the Wenatchee National Forest and Highway 410 through the Snoqualmie National Forest (Washington). In Oregon the Mt. Hood NF loop Rt 26 & 35 and back along the Columbia River Gorge is special, as well as Rt. 58 through the Willamette NF and 140 on the Fremont National Forest to name just a few.

California has more National Forest Scenic highways than any other State:

Rt. 96 on the Klamath NF, Rt 139 on the Modoc NF. Rt. 70 & 89 on the Plumas NF, Rt. 88 on the Eldorado NF, and Rt 38 on the San Bernardino NF, and Hiway 1 through Big Sur on the Los Padres NF just to name a few.

Most of the National Forests in the Rocky Mountain States have designated scenic routes.

Rt. 88 on the Tonto NF, Rt. 666 in the Apache NF, Rt. 550 through the San Juan NF, Rt. 14 on the Roosevelt NF, Rt. 55 on the Payette NF, Rt. 95 on the Bitterroot NF, and Rt 64 on the Carson NF, Lochsa Highway US 12 and Beartooth Highway Redlodge to Cook City US 212 just scratch the surface.

Many fine scenic driving for pleasure opportunities are also available in the midwest and east:

Rt. 666 on the Allegheny NF, Rt. 17 on the Francis Marion NF, Rt. 28 on the Monongahela NF, Rt. 7 on the Ozark NF, Rt. 37 on the Hoosier NF, Rt. 2009 on the Daniel Boone NF, Rt. 1 on the Superior NF, and Rt. 94 through the Hiawatha NF to name a few.

Also keep in mind Rt. 100 on the Green Mtn. NF and Rt. 302 through the White Ntn. NF are attractive in the summer as well as during the fall color season.

Chapter 11 National Forest Lakes and Streams

There are over 128,000 miles of streams and 2.2 million acres of lakes on the National Forests. Because of the vast number of lakes and streams, such as in the Lake States, it is impossible to mention all of them. Lakes are a significant attraction to recreationists and wildlife, thus they are very important. Lakes in the National Forest System generally do not have the developed shoreline that many lakes have, thus they tend to be unique. Many of the lakes even have boat-in-camping, a special treat for those who want to get away from it all.

A variety of fishing is provided including salmon and steelhead, trout, bass, walleye and pan fish.

A sample of the National Forest Lakes or water areas are listed.

Table 11 Lake and water complexes on the National Forests

Alabama	Lewis Smith Lake	William B.Bankhead NF
Alaska	The many lakes on the Kenai	Chugach NF
	The lakes & waterways SE Alaska	Tongass NF
Arizona	Saguaro, Canyon, Apache & Roosevelt Lake	Tonto NF
	Horseshoe Res. & Barlett Res.	Tonto NF
Arkansas	Quachita & Nimrod Lakes	Ouachita NF
California	Shasta & Clair Engle Lakes	Shasta Trinity NF
	Lakes of the Sierra Nevadas	Plumas/Sierra/Eldorado/Tahoe
	Mono Lake	Inyo NF
Colorado	Lake Grandby	Arapaho NF
	Twin Lakes	San Isabel NF
	Dillon Reservoir	Arapaho NF
Florida	Lake George	Ocala NF
Georgia	Blue Ridge Lake	Chattahoochee NF
Idaho	Priest Lake	Kaniksu NF
	Palisades Res.	Targhee NF

Indiana	Monroe Lake	Hoosier NF
Kentucky	Cave Run & Laurel River Lake	Daniel Boone NF
Michigan	Rogers, Hardy, & Croton Dam Pd.	Manistee NF
Minnesota	Lake Winnibigoshish	Chippewa NF
	Lake Michigan	Hiawatha NF
Missouri	Lake Wappapello	Mark Twain NF
Montana	Hungry Horse Res.	Flathead NF
	Lake Koocanusa	Kootenai NF
	Hebgen Lake	Gallatin NF
	Holter Lake	Helena NF
N. Carolina	Badin Lake	Uwharrie NF
	Hiwassee Lake	Cherokee NF
Oregon	Lake of the Woods	Rogue River NF
	Wickiup Res.	Deschutes NF
	Diamond Lake	Umpqua NF
Pennsylvania	Allegheny Res.	Allegheny NF
S. Carolina	Parr Res.	Sumter NF
Texas	Sam Rayburn Res.	NFs in Texas
	Taledo Bend Res.	NFs in Texas
	Lake Conroe	NFs in Texas
Utah	Fish Lake	Fishlake NF
	Strawberry Res.	Uinta NF
	Flaming Gorge Res.	Ashley NF
Virginia	Lake Moumaw	George Washington NF
Vermont	Hapgood Pond	Green Mtn. NF
Washington	Lake Chelan	Wenatchee & Okanogan NFs
	Baker Lake	Mt. Baker NF
	Kachess Lake	Wenatchee NF
Wisconsin	Moose Lake	Chequamegon NF
	Butternut Lake	Nicolet NF
Wyoming	Flaming Gorge Res.	Ashley NF

Chapter 12 Wildlife and Fish

The 191 million acres of National Forest System lands and waters provide a variety of habitat. Over 300 species of wildlife and fish inhabit the National Forests. Wildlife species such as bear, moose, wolves, elk, deer, eagles all add excitement to the forest. Birds, small game animals, threatened and endangered species, reptiles all add diversity and interest. Fish species vary widely from saltwater species on the west coast to cold water stream trout and the multitude of warm lake fish.

Wildlife and fish resources on National Forest System lands provide nearly 32 million userdays for hunters, fishermen, birdwatchers, and others. The value of hunting provides an estimated $396 million and the value of fishing provides an estimated $204 million annually.

Chapter 13 Plus other Resources and services

Besides offering outdoor recreation/tourism opportunities and unique scenic attractions, the National Forests provide many other benefits. The National Forests also produce approximately 11 billion board feet of timber each year, and 10 million animal-unit months of domestic livestock grazing. Most of the water used for irrigation and domestic purposes in the western United States originates from National Forest System lands. The National Forests have the largest supply of standing softwood sawtimber in the Nation, estimated at over 1 trillion board feet. This is 41 percent of the Nation's total.

Many of these uses and activities occur in the same general areas, while others are more concentrated in specific locations. The Forest Service strives for multiple purpose management to provide a balance of public uses and resource opportunities as mandated by Congress. In general, the Forest Service manages the National Forests to provide what private lands do not. The emphasis is on providing experiences that cannot be found elsewhere without having a large land base under long-term management, such as exists on National Forest land.

The Forest Service research program develops scientific and technical knowledge to enhance the economic and environmental values of America's 1.6 billion acres of forest and rangelands. It also has an International Forestry Staff that provides technical assistance on a variety of resource programs all over the world.

State and Private Forestry provides technical and financial assistance to States to help increase the productivity of nonindustrial private forest lands to meet projected resource demands in the future.

Chapter 14 More information

The Forest Service is administratively divided into nine regions in order to respond to regional concerns and opportunities. The following is a list of these Regional Offices if additional information is desired.

Come visit your National Forests and enjoy the recreational opportunities that abound there. Spread the word about all the activities that one can find in their National Forests. They are one of America's greatest outdoor experiences.

Table 13 Regional Offices:

Northern Region, Federal Bldg., P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807

Rocky Mountain Region, 11177 West 8th Ave., P.O. Box 25127, Lakewood, CO 80225

Southwestern Region, Federal Bldg., 517 Gold Ave. SW., Albuquerque, NM 87102

Intermountain Region, Federal Bldg., 324 25th St., Ogden, UT 84401

Pacific Southwest Region, 630 Sansome St., San Francisco, CA 94111

Pacific Northwest Region, 319 SW Pine St., P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208

Southern Region, 1720 Peachtree Rd., NW., Atlanta, GA 30367

Eastern Region, 310 West Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203

Alaska Region, Federal Office Bldg., P.O. Box 1628, Juneau, AK 99802

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